Chapter III.

This chapter represents the Highest Self as the personified Deity, as the Lord, Isa or Rudra, under the sway of his own creative power Prakriti or *May a.*

1. The one only Snarer, who regulates all worlds by his powers, who is the cause of both the creation and preservation of the world, they who know him become immortal.

"2. Rudra, who regulates all worlds, by his powers, is one only—the wise do not acknowledge a second. He exists behind all persons. He creates all the worlds, preserves them and rolls them up at the end.

3. Everywhere are his eyes and everywhere his face ; everywhere are his arms and everywhere his feet. That one God having created heaven and the earth, endowed some creatures with arms and some with wings.

4. He who is the cause of the birth and power of the gods, Rudra, the lord of all, the omniscient, who, at the beginning, begot Hiranyagarbha, may He grant us good understanding!

"5. 0 Rudra who livest in our mountain and spreadest happiness, look upon us with that benign form of thine which is auspicious, shorn of terror, and imparts holiness.

6. 0 Thou who livest in our mountain and spreadest happiness in it, thou, the preserver of our hills, the bow that

thou boldest in thy hand for destruction—
make it auspicious;
do not slay either men or the world.
((7. Those who know the Supreme
Brahman, great and
transcending the world, present in
everybody, hidden in all
things, the Lord who alone pervades the
world, become
immortal.
"8. I know this great Person, shining like
the sun and
transcending the world of darkness. It is
only by knowing
him that one escapes death; there is no
other way to go.
" 9. Than whom there is nothing higher or
lower ;
than whom there is nothing greater or
less; who alone